STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Current Section 54–2601, Idaho Code, adopts the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) as the standard to which all plumbing installations administered and enforced by the Division of Building Safety must be installed. Statute also allows cities to adopt a plumbing enforcement program as long as an equivalent minimum standard is used. Consequently, many cities have adopted the International Plumbing Code (IPC). The enforcement of multiple codes in various jurisdictions around the state has made it more difficult for plumbers to conform to the code and operate with consistency. The Idaho State Plumbing Board, in collaboration with the plumbing industry, would establish the Idaho State Plumbing Code (ISPC) instead of adopting the 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) as the legal standard by which all plumbing installations performed in the state must be installed. Pursuant to Section 54–2601, the ISPC would be the uniform standard applied by all jurisdictions within the state. The new ISPC is modeled primarily after the UPC; however, representatives from city jurisdictions were involved in the creation of the ISPC and selected provisions of the IPC have also been included into the new ISPC in an attempt to build a uniform code by consensus.

FISCAL NOTE

None.

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